

CLAIMS

We Claim:

1. A watchcase comprising:
 - 5 (a) a lower case characterized by a first annular recess for receiving an optically transparent cylinder and a timepiece support for receiving a timepiece mechanism;
 - (b) an upper case characterized by (i) on the bottom surface thereof, a second upper annular recess for receiving an optically transparent cylinder; (ii) on the upper surface thereof, a track for removably receiving and securing an ornamental top;
 - 10 (c) an optically transparent cylinder placed in said first and second annular recesses and between the lower and upper cases wherein the lower case, upper case and optically transparent cylinder are fixedly connected.
- 15 2. The watchcase of claim 1 wherein the optically transparent cylinder is a sapphire cylinder.
3. The watchcase of claim 1 further comprising a timepiece mechanism attached to said timepiece support.
- 20 4. The watchcase of claim 3 wherein said timepiece mechanism comprises a cylindrical band having time increments placed thereon such that the time increments are viewed through the optically transparent cylinder.
- 25 5. The watchcase of claim 1 wherein the lower case, upper case and optically transparent cylinder are fixedly connected with at least one screw.
6. The watchcase of claim 5 wherein the lower case, upper case and optically transparent cylinder are fixedly connected with a plurality of screws arranged annularly.

7. The watchcase of claim 6 wherein the plurality of screws are arranged annularly within the optically transparent cylinder.
- 5 8. The watchcase of claim 6 wherein the plurality of screws are arranged annularly externally of the optically transparent cylinder.
9. The watchcase of claim 6 wherein the plurality of screws are arranged internally of the optically transparent cylinder.
- 10 10. The watchcase of claim 1 wherein the track in the upper case is annular and disposed on a plane below the second annular recess.
11. The watchcase of claim 10 further comprising an ornamental top wherein said ornamental top comprises a flange extending inwardly with respect to said watchcase from the upper surface of the upper case and having at least one bayonette extending further outwardly from said flange and wherein said track in said upper case is characterized by at least one groove for receiving each bayonette and, upon rotation of the top with respect to the upper case, engageable with said track.
- 15 20 12. The watchcase of claim 11 wherein said ornamental top comprises at least three bayonettes and said track is characterized by one groove for each bayonette.
13. The watchcase of claim 12 wherein said three bayonettes are equally spaced around the perimeter of the flange.
- 25 14. The watchcase of claim 13 wherein the bayonettes span about 15 degrees of the perimeter.

15. The watchcase of claim 14 wherein said grooves for receiving said bayonettes is between about 15 and 20 degrees of the perimeter.
- 5 16. The watchcase of claim 15 wherein the bayonettes each rotationally travel along said track for about 30 degrees.
17. The watchcase of claim 16 wherein said track prevents bayonette travel for more than about 90 degrees.
- 10 18. The watchcase of claim 17 wherein the upper case, on the upper surface thereof, comprises a third annular recess for receiving a compression ring for frictionally securing said ornamental top thereon.
- 15 19. The watchcase of claim 1 wherein said lower case is removably attached to a wristband.
- 20 20. The watchcase of claim 1 wherein the outer surface of the lower case is optically transparent to visually expose the timepiece mechanism.
- 25 21. An ornamental top adapted to be worn on a watchcase wherein said ornamental top comprises (a) an upper surface adorned with an ornament; (b) a flange on the bottom surface, extending inwardly with respect to said watchcase from the upper surface of the watchcase; and (c) at least one bayonette extending further outwardly from said flange configured to removably engage in a track in said watchcase.
22. The ornamental top of claim 21 wherein said ornament comprises a sculpture.
- 30 23. The ornamental top of claim 22 where in the sculpture has a height of at least about 1 cm.